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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BUNICHI SHOJI  
Serial No.: NOT YET ASSIGNED  
Filed: FEBRUARY 8, 1999  
Title: A TRUSS STRUCTURE, STRUCTURAL MEMBERS THEREOF,  
AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 8, 1999

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior to the examination of the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, change "claims 1 or 2" to --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claim 8:

A<sup>1</sup> ~~Sub 1-8.~~ A truss structure according to claim 2, wherein said connection part further comprises said parent plate and a rib erected crosswise thereon, and wherein an edge of said flat section is tapered to allow for each flat section of each chord member to be positioned in close proximity.--

REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the specification, claims and abstract before examination of the application is respectfully

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